

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 8 and 10 in accordance with the following:

1. (ORIGINAL) A damping apparatus, comprising:  
a first member joinable to a first object;  
a second member joinable to a second object; and  
a vibration absorbing member installed between the first and second members,  
wherein at least one of the first and second members has elastic hooks that are elastically catchable by respective edge portions of the corresponding object for joining the member to the corresponding object.
2. (ORIGINAL) The damping apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the vibration absorbing member is a rubber member.
3. (ORIGINAL) The damping apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second members is made of a stainless steel plate plated with nickel substantially preventing effects of electromagnetic interference.
4. (ORIGINAL) The damping apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one of the first and second objects is a hard disk drive and the other of the objects is a base plate.
5. (ORIGINAL) The damping apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first and second members are joined to the upper and lower surfaces, respectively of the vibration absorbing member by attaching with an adhesive or insert molding.
6. (ORIGINAL) A damping apparatus for a hard disk drive, comprising:  
an upper plate joinable to the hard disk drive;  
a lower plate joinable to a base plate; and  
a vibration absorbing member installed between the upper and lower plates;

wherein the lower plate is elastically hookable to the base plate and the upper plate is joinable to the hard disk drive before the lower plate is joined to the base plate.

7. (ORIGINAL) The damping apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the vibration absorbing member is a rubber member.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The damping apparatus according to claim ~~13~~6, wherein the lower plate is a plurality of elastic hooks elastically catchable by respective edge portions between hooking projections of the base plate.

9. (ORIGINAL) A damping apparatus for lessening electromagnetic interference of a hard disk drive, comprising:

a first member made of a stainless steel plate plated with nickel joinable to the hard disk drive;

a second member made of a strongly elastic material joinable to a base; and

a vibration absorbing member installed between the first and second members,

wherein the second member is provided with elastic hooks catchable at respective edge portions of the base.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The damping apparatus according to claim ~~23~~9, wherein the vibration absorbing member is a rubber member.